CONDITION OF THE MARKETS

No New Features in Wheat, Good Buying Orders Influencing Its Steadiness.

Corn Quiet and Inactive, with Light Transactions-Oats Steady-Mess Pork Stronger in a General Way-Lard Higher.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS.

Little of Interest Noticed in the Market, Except a Successful Drive at Omaha. NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- Money on call was easy at 2 to 4 per cent., the last loan being made at 2, closing offered at 3.

Prime mercantile paper, 519 2612 per cent. Sterling exchange dull and weaker, with actual business at \$4.8414 for sixty-day bills, and \$4.8814

for demand. The total sales of stocks to day were 53,425 shares, including the following: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 2,640; Erie, 3,360; Lake Shore, 2,060; Northwestern, 2,960; Northern Pacific preferred, 1,994; Reading, 19,610; St. Paul, 4,650; Union Pacific, 2, 130.

The stock market had the true holiday appearance this morning, the attendance being small, and the transactions, consequently, few and unimportant, while the movements in prices possessed but little significance except in one or two stocks. Outside interests were doing nothing in the market, and commission people were idle, and while the temper of the room was conservatively bullish, the traders who did the bulk of the business put out a few "short" lines. Some covering in Reading of the "shorts" put out during the past two days gave that stock the appearance of strength, and it advanced & per cent., with New England following, but the general nst was intensely dull and fluctuated within the narrowest limits. A drive was afterward made at Reading and Omaha preferred, and the latter was got down 2 per cent., but the removal of the pressure was followed by a sharp recovery. Even Cotton Oil was quiet, and while Eurlington displayed some strength toward the close, no other feature marked the dealing.

Opening prices were steady at but slight changes from last evening's figures, and the list moved up slightly under the lead of Reading and New England, but these gains were afterward wiped out, when Omaha preferred lost 2 per cent. This, in turn, was neutralized, and the market became again steady, and so closed. The final changes are for small fractions only, except an advance of 1 per cent, in Burlington & Quincy, and are about equally divided between gains

Railroad bonds were quiet but firm throughout, and almost all the issues traded in show small advances as the result of the day's trading. The sales of all issues reached \$696,000, out of which the Reading seconds preferred incomes contributed \$158,-000, but no other special feature was shown. The only decline was in South Carolina seconds, which dropped 6 per cent. further, to 48. The sales for the week aggregated \$5,827,000, against \$5,917,000 for last week, which contained six business days.

Government bonds were dull and strong.

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Can. Southern 2ds. 9418	Minn. & St. Louis 5
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M. K. & T. gen. 6s. 617a	Norfolk & W. pref. 504
M. K. & T. gen. 5s. 57	Northern Pacific 254
Mutual Union 6s 994	Northern Pac. pref., 5934
N. J. C. int. cert 1085	Chic. & Northwest'n10734
North'n Pac. 1sts119	C. & Northw'n pref. 140
North'n Pac. 2ds111	New York Central 10878
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St. L. & I. M. gen 5s 8534 St. L. & S. F. gen m117	Ohio & Miss. pref 8319
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St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts120	Oregon Navigation., 913
Tex. Pacific 1sts 90	Ore. & Transcontin'1 30
Tex. Pacific 2ds 3912	Pacific Mail 364
Union Pacific 1sts115	Peoria, D. & E 24
West Shore10478	Pittsburg
Adams Express143	Pullman Palace-Car.172
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	Rock Island 9712 St. L. & San Fran 26%
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Central Pacific 33	St. Paul preferred 10319
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C. & O. 2ds 15	St. Paul & O. pref. 9358
Chicago & Alton135	Tenn. Coal & Iron 35
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Clev'ld & Columbus 5619	Wabash, St. L. & P. 124
Delaware & Hudson 1303	W., St. L. & P. pref 2419
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D. & Rio Grande 16	W. U. Telegraph 9319
East Tennessee 914	W. U. Telegraph 8319 Am. cotseed cert'f. 5219
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Fort Wayne. 14914 Quicksilver. 614
Ft. Worth & Denver 24
Hocking Valley. 25
Houston & Texas. 13
Illinois Central. 114
Rich. & W. Point. 2438 L. B. & W..... 1319 NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- Bar silver, 93 1-16. The weekly bank statement shows the following

Reserve, decrease.\$1,093,275 ers, increase..... 14,700 The banks now hold \$6,221,345 in excess of the

25 per cent. rule. TRADING AT CHICAGO.

The Ups and Downs of the Market, with the

Range in Prices of Leading Articles. CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- A fair business was transacted in wheat, and no new or startling features were developed. About the same influences which have affected the market for the past forty-eight hours controlled the market, namely, good, steady buying by some large traders and only moderate offerings. The murket has apparently shaped itself so that operaters are rather backward about selling, and "shorts" are disposed to cover, each advance making them more uneasy. The feeling in the Northwest was reported decidedly stronger. The market opened at about yesterday's closing, declined lgc, ruled irregular, and then advanced 178c, eased off 18c. and closed 14c higher than yesterday. Trading centered chiefly in the May future. It was rumored that the starting up of some of the mills which had been shut down during the recent depression in flour was under advisement, and a later rumor was also in circulation that the mills would start up on Jan. 1. Corn ruled quiet and inactive, trading being of a light local character, and the market was devoid of any noteworthy feature the entire session. The feeling was comparatively firm, and fluctuations were limited to 4c range, the market closing 4c higher than yesterday. In oats a quiet and steady market was noted. Outside orders to buy or sell were in moderate supply, and most of the trading was confined to evening up and preparing for the first of the year. Trading centered in May, but price changes were small. The near futures were 180 better. Trading was moderately active in mess pork, and the feeling was stronger in a general way. Opening sales were made at yesterday's closing prices, but an advance of 17 220c was gained later in the day. Prices settled back again 72 210c, and the market closed steady. Only a fair trade was reported in lard. and the feeling was steadier, and prices ruled .0219 @.05 c higher. The market closed steady at medium figures. Rather more was doing in short ribs, and especially for May delivery, and the feeling was firmer. Prices ruled .0219 @.05c higher, and the market closed steady. The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening	Highest	2 210 est.	Closing.
Wheat-December.	9958	\$1.0114	9959	\$1.014
January	The second second second	1.0112	9934	1.0119
May	1.0579	1.067a	\$1.05	1.063
July	95%	97	95%	97
Corn-December	3434			344
January	3414	3119	3418	3419
May	37	3718	37	3719
Oats-December	25			2519
January			THE PROPERTY.	2519
Мау	2834	2878	285	283
Pork-December				12.921
January	12.80	13.00	12.80	12.921
May	13.2719	13.45	13.271	13.3710
Lard-December	8.20			8.10
January	7.7219	7.75	7.724	7.7234
May	7.80	7.85	7.80	7.821
Short Ribs-Jan'ary		6.823	The second second	6.7710
Мау	6.95	7.0219	6.95	6.9710

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour weaker; No. 2 spring wheat, \$1.00% \$1.014: No. 3 spring wheat, 83 2093c; No. 2 red. \$1.003 21.014; No. 2 corn, 34 4c; No. 2 cats. 25 c; No. 2 rye. 50c; 2 barley, nominal: No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.60 a 1.60 ½ prime timothy-seed, \$1.50; mess pork per bri, \$12.90 @ 12.95; lard per pound 8.10c; short-rib sides (loose), 6.80 @ 6.85c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.75 @ 6.87 gc; short-clear sides (boxed), 7 12 g @ 7.25c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, \$1.20. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter

barley, 45,000. Shipments—Flour, 12,000 brls' wheat, 26,000 bu; corn, 345,000 bu; oats, 127,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 28,000 bu.

How the "Bulls" and "Bears" Manipulated CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- The local wheat-trading crowd went into the "pit," this morning, bearishly disposed. May was sold down from \$1.05% to \$1.05 very soon after the opening. At the decline a good demand was developed, and the price went to \$1.0514 dropping back, however, to \$1.05, from which point a fresh start was taken. There was a light trade at \$1.05. Offerings were limited, and the demand urgent. J. B. Ream led the buying up to \$1.05%, and again, when the market settled to \$1.0512, he took considerable lines. Up to \$1.05% the local "bear" party acted aggressively, but thereafter the efforts of the "bears" seemed to be to cover "shorts" and make as little disturbance about it as possible. After the first hour the most conspicuous feature of the dealings was the absence of the pressure to sell. Brokers supposed to be operating in the interests of Kent indulged themselves in the pleasure of pounding away at the market on the pauses in the upward course of values, but the reactions that were produced were inconsequential. The advance from \$1.05 was steady for a full cent and a half. From \$1.061 a sharp raid carried prices down to \$1.061s. but recovery was rapid. The price held steadily for a time around \$1.06\(^1\)2, started back, and then jumped to \$1.06\(^1\)2. Above \$1.06\(^1\)2 a large business was done, and around \$1.06\(^1\)3 offerings were on a more generous scale than at any time during the session. Trading was quite spirited late in the session, as indeed it was most of the time. The last half-hour of the sesaion was unmarked by special changes. The firmness continued to the end, and last prices were practically at the ontside. May sold up to \$1.0678, and closed at \$1.063. January opened at \$1.00, ranged at 993423\$1.0049, and closed at \$1.0112. July opened at 957gc, up to 97c, and closed at the outside price.

News was scarce, with nothing to encourage the "bull" parties. The drying up of receipts at primary points was one of the things to which attention was directed. To such an extent has this gone that indications now point to a decrease in the visible supply, or, at the most, only a very small increase. Minneapolis markets were quoted as stronger than Chicago, and an advance of fully 3 cents per bushed in some of the lower grades is reported. This is supposed to be in consequence of a milling demand resulting from recent experiments with the poor wheat. Most of the

19,500,000 on the 1st of July last, according to Bradstreet's enumeration, that will be ground into flour, is thankfully accepted by the millers of that There was some export talk to-day, but so far as can be learned nothing has been done. The views of the buyers and sellers are not yet in accord. Hutchday. One of the local bulls was also a good buyer, and the outside also took on considerable through commission houses. Northwestern parties covered very freely through their known representatives. New York and other domestic markets were firm and higher, and a distinctively better feeling prevailed in the trade. Angry talk about manipulation and ob-struction methods is no longer heard.

mills have, up to a recent period, insisted that they could not grind inferior grades, but tests seem to have changed their views to some extent. With 17,500,000 bushels in the Northwest, against

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices on Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Flour-Receipts, 18,629 packages; exports, 6.821 brls, 12,070 sacks. The market was stronger, and in instances 5@10c higher. with a fair inquiry. Sales, 15,758 bris; low extras. \$3.20@3.70; winter wheat, low grades, \$3.20@3.70; fair to fancy, \$3.7525.65; patent, \$5.1026.00; Minnesota clear, \$4.35@5.35; Minnesota straights. \$4.90@6.40; Minnesota patents, \$5.60@7.00; Min-

nesota rye mixtures, \$4.30@5.35. Corp-meal quiet. Wheat-Receipts, 3,300 bu; exports, none; sales, 456,000 bu futures, no spot. Spot market dull and a trifle higher; quotations nominal; No. 2 red, \$1.013 in elevator, \$1.03@1.034 affoat, \$1.024@1.04 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 96c; No. 1 white, \$1.02; No. 1 red, \$1.09; No. 2 Chicago, \$1.084 @1.09. Options dull, 1ge higher and steady; No. 2 red, December, \$1.0078@1.0138, closing at \$1.0138; January, \$1.0078 @1.013e, closing at \$1.013e; February, \$1.023e@ 1.0278, closing at \$1.0278; May, \$1.06 3.16@1.07, closing at \$1.0678; June, closing at \$1.0638. Rye quiet. Barley quiet and firm. Barley malt

Corn-Receipts, 280,450 bu; exports, 125,106 bu; sales, 272,000 bu futures, 43,000 bu spot. Spot market firmer and quiet: No. 2, 4618 @ 4614c elevator, 4714@48c affoat; ungraded mixed, 384 @4714c; No. 2 white, 44 lgc; steamer, mixed, 425 @ 14c; No 3, 38@394c. Options dull, 16@4c lower, and steady; December, 4618c; January, 46@4618c. closing at 4618c; February, 463c; May, 46@4618c, closing at 46c.

Oats-Receipts, 42,000 bu; exports, 917 bu; sales, 50,000 bu futures, 71,000 bu spot. Spot market steady and quiet. Options firm but dull; December. 31c; January, 31@31'sc, closing at 31'sc; February, 32@32'sc, closing at 32'sc; May, 33'sc; spot No. 2 white, 343tc; No. 1, 32c; No. 1 white, 39'sc; May, Western, 30@32c, white Western, 34@39'sc; No. 2 Chicago, 32c.

Hay strong: shipping, 65c; good to choice, 85c@\$1. Hops steady and dull. Coffee-Options opened steady at 10@20 points down, and closed steady at 5 points below yes-terday. Sales, 36,750 bags, including February, 14.65c; March, 14.65@14.80c; April, 14.70 @14.85c; May, 14.70@14.80c; June, 14.80@ 14.90c; July, 14.85@14.90c; August, 14.95c; Sep-tember, 14.95@15.10c; October, 15.05c; spot Rio dull at 163c. Sugar-Raw nominal; refining, 5c; refined dull

Rice firm and in moderate demand; domestic, 434 @ 63gc; Japan., 43, 05146. Cotton-seed oil firm; crude, 47c; yellow, 55c. Tallow strong; city, 626 sc. Rosin quiet; common to good strained, \$1.00@1,071g. Eggs easy and quiet; Western, 22@23c. Re

ceipts, 1.653 packages.

Pork dull. Beef dull. Beef hams quiet. Cut meats quiet; pickled bellies, 719275c; pickled shoulders, 74c; pickled hams, 101c. Middles dull; short clear, 7.50c. Lard stronger but dull; sales Western steam at 8.35c; December, 8.30c; January, 8.17c bid; February, 8.07c bid; March, 8.06c bid; April, 8.06c bid; May, 8.06c bid; June, 8.06c bid. Butter quiet and easy; Western dairy, 14@ @25c; Western creamery, 19@31c; Elgins, 32@ 33c. Cheese quiet and, firm; Western, 10@114c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29 .- Wheat-Western firmer; No. 2 winter red, spot, 95c bid; January, 95lgc; February, 97%c; March, 99%c@\$1.00. Corn-Western steady; mixed. spot, 42c; January, 4218 & 4214c; February, 4234 & 427sc; steamer, spot, 3913c bid. Oats dull but steady; Western white, 32 & 33c; Western mixed, 29@31c; graded No. 2 white, 33c bid. Rye quiet at 60@61c. Hay dull and lower; prime to choice timothy, \$16@17. Provisions steady and unchanged. Butter very dull; Western packed 19@24c; best roll, 19@21c; creamery, 24@31c. Eggs easy at 20@21c. Coffee quiet and easier; Rio cargoes, fair, 16%c. Receipts—Flour, 5,000 brls; wheat, 2,000 bu; corn, 171,000 bu; oats, 4,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 brls; corn, 112,000 bu. Sales—Wheat, 152,000 bu; corn, 64,000 bu.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Steady and Unchanged-Hogs Active and Higher-Sheep Quiet and Steady.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29. CATTLE-Receipts, 300; shipments, 300. There was a light supply for Saturday. But few good grades on sale. Market steady at about the same as astanday No fancy shinners have

yesterday. No fancy shippers here.
Good to choice shippers\$4.00@4.60
Fair to medium 3.25 3.75
Common 2.6073.00
Feeders, 1.000 to 1,100 lbs 3.00@3.50
Stockers, 650 to 900 lbs 2.25@2.75
Good to choice heifers 2.75@3.26
Common to medium 2.00 22.50
Good to choice cows 2.60 @ 3.00
Fair to medium 2.00 2.40
Common old 1.00@1.60
Veals, common to good 3.00 @4.25
Buits, common to good 1.50 2.50
Milkers, per head18.00 38.00
Hogs-Receipts, 3,300; shipments, 1,900. Qual-
ity fair. Market opened active and higher; closed
weak with advance lost. The following are early
morning quotations:
Heavy packing and shipping \$5.25@5.30
Light 5.15@5.20
Mixed 5.10@5.20
SHEEP-Receipts, 300; shipments, 300. But
few good grades on sale. Market barely steady.
About all sold.
Good to choice
Fair to medium 3.00 @ 3.40
Common 2.25@2.75
Lambs 3.25@4.75
Bucks, per head 2.50@3.50

Elsewhere. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.-Cattle-Receipts, 500;

hipments, 400. Market steady; choice heavy nasteers, \$5@5.50; fair to good native steers, \$4.40@5.00; butchers' steers, medium to choice, 83.30 & 4.50; stockers and feeders, fair to good, \$2.00@3.10; rangers, corn-fed, \$3.00@4.20; grass-Hogs-Receipts, 2,200; shipments, 700. Market shade lower; choice heavy and butchers' selections, \$5.10@5.20; packing, medium to prime. \$5.00@ 5.15; light grades, ordinary to best, \$4.90@5.00. Sheep—Receipts, none; shipments, 200. Market steady; fair to choice, \$3.00@4.40.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29 .- The Live Stock Indicator reports: Cattle-Receipts, 1.819; shipments, 674. Heavy beef steers dull, weak and 10@15c lower. Cows weak and 10e lower. Stockers and feeding steers steady. Good to choice corn-fed, \$4.35@4.75 common to medium, \$3.20@4.15; stockers and feeding steers, \$2@3.30; cows, \$1.25@2.80. Hogs-Receipts, 5,005; shipments, -- . Market active and strong to 5c higher. Good to choice, \$5,05

25.10; common to medium, \$4.50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,046; shipments, —. Market firm. Good to choice muttons, \$3.75@4; common to medium, \$2@3.30.
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Drovers' Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,800; shipments, none. market was quiet; extra creamery. 2713 2813c; extra firsts, 24 725c; extra dairy, 23 224c, extra firsts, 4.10; stockers and feeders, \$2 23; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.25 21.50. Acme lawn grass, 14 lbs, mixed, \$1.25 21.50. Acme lawn grass, 14 lbs,

heavy, \$5@5.2219; light, \$4.95@5.15; skips, \$3.50 Sheep-Receipts, 600; shipments, none. Market steady; natives, \$3@4.65; Western corn-fed, \$4@4.40; Western feeders, \$3.35@3.50; Texans, \$2.50@3.25; lambs, \$4.50@5.75.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 722; shipments, 912. Nothing doing. All through consignments. Twenty-five cars of cattie shipped to New York to-day. Hogs-Receipts, 2.000; shipments, 2,100. Philadelphias, \$5.35@5.40; mixed, \$5.35@5.40; Yorkers, \$5.35@5.45; common to fair, \$5.20@5.30; pigs, \$5.30@5.40. Eight cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day. Sheep-Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 1,400. Mar-ket firm at unchanged prices.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head through; 800 head for sale. Strong at last Monday's prices. Prime, \$4.30@5.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 400 head through:
3,000 head for sale. Sheep dull; shipping, \$4.24.75;
lambs, Western, active at 25s higher; choice, \$6.20
6.50; Canadas, \$6.75@7.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head through: 3,000 head for sale. Market 5c higher. Mediums, \$5.25@5.35; Yorkers and pigs, \$4.50@5.45.

CINCINNATI. Dec. 29.—Cattle — Receipts, 90; shipments, 37. Market firm and quiet.

Sheep—Receipts, 4; shipments, 147. Market quiet and easy. Lambs in fair demand and firm at \$3.50 25.75. Hogs in light demand and easier; common and light, \$4.4025.20; packing and butchers', \$5.0025.20; receipts, 3.680; shipments, 1,060.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKETS.

A Holiday Dullness Noticeable in Nearly All Departments, with Few Changes in Values. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.

In nearly all branches of traffic trade rules quiet, as usual, during the holidays, while prices range about as in the early part of the week, provisions being the only market that is badly off. This break in the market justifies she statement of some of the packers that hogs were selling at higher figures than they are justi, fied, under the conditions, in paying. In groceries a firm tone to leading staple articles noticeable. The "bears" on coffees are mak. ing poor headway, and higher, rather than lower prices are indicated after the holidays. Sugars rule steady, and the demand is well equalized with the production. Tess and canned goods are firm and unchanged. In the produce markets there is considerable activity with the near approach of New Year's. Eggs are arriving very freely, and prices are easy. Receipts of poultry are falling off, notwithstanding the fact that better prices are paid than usual in the holidays. Vegetables of all kinds are in large supply and selling slow. Apples are firmer and selling fairly well. Oranges are firmer but not quotably higher. Cranberries, if sound, are selling better, but rule low for this season of the year. There is still a good demand and prices steady at quotations. The flour market is more active. Prices, however, do not improve, but a change for the better is looked for next

The attendance on 'Chavge, to-day, was small and the bidding spiritless. Better things are hoped for after the holidays are over. But one car of wheat was received to-day, and the market is weak and very quiet. We quote:

No. 2 red, 99 gc; No. 3 red is salable at 91@95c; rejected at 73 @82c, for poor to good samples, and choice at 83 290c. Corn-Receipts, 11 cars. The local demand for white corn is good, and also for mixed, while offerings are very light. New No. 2 white, 33c; new No. 3 white, one color, is salable at 33c; new No. 3 white, two colon: 321cc; new No. 4 white is salable at 31c; new No. 3 yellow at 30@31c, new No. 3 mixed at 31c. new No. 4 mixed at 30c; new ear mixed at 28c; white, 30 72:11 3c. Shippers are bidding on basis of Indianapolis freight, 28c for mixed corn, guaranteed to arrive East cool and sweet; 1 cent premium for high mixed.

Oats-The market is quiet, demand being supplied easily, although offerings are limited. No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 2712 228c. No 2 mixed is salable at 2619c; rejected salable at 23@25c. Hay and Straw-Receipts, six cars. Offerings are free and market continues dull. No. 1 timothy. \$13.25 bid spot, held at \$13.75 to arrive: No. 2 timothy, \$10@12; nuxed, \$8.50@9,50; No. 1 prairie. \$8.75@9. We gt ote straw at \$5; rye straw, \$6. Feeds-Bran market dull; offerings light; we quote at \$12.50@12.75. Hominy feed salable at \$12@

The Jobbing Trade. CAN NED GOODS.

Peaches-Standard. 3-pound, \$1.80@2.00: 3-pound seconds, \$1.40@1.40. Miscellaneous-Blackberries, 2-pound, 80@90c; raspberries, 2-pound, \$1.15@ 1.30; pineapple, standar 1, 2-pound, \$14.0@2.50; seconds, 2-pound, \$1.10@1.20; cove systems, 1-pound, full weight, 95c@\$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound, full, \$1.70@1.80; light, 90c@\$1; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, \$1.20@1.80; peas, marrowfat, \$1.20@1.40; small, \$1.50@1.75; lobsters, \$1.85@2; red cherries, 95c@\$1.10; strawberries, \$1.2021.30; salmon (tbs), \$1.90@2.50.

FOREIGN FRUITS. Raisins, London layer, new, \$3.50@3.75 P bozz loose, muscatelle, 2-crown, \$2.50@3.75 P boz; Vaiencia, new, 71208e # 1b; sit on, 24026e P 1b; eurrants, 61907190 P lb. Bena nas Jamaica, \$1.500 2.00; Aspinwall, \$1.5002.50. Oranges Floridas russets, \$2.25@250; brights. \$2.75@3.00 P box Lemons-Choice, \$3.50; extra fancy, \$4.00. Figs, 14@16c. Prunes-Turkish, ald, 44@44gc; new, 5 25 3c.

FRUITS AND VEGITTABLES. APPLES-Per bri, \$1.25@1.74: choice, \$2.25@3 selling in buik on track, 40 @50c P bu. CRANBERRIES-Per brl, \$5.50 & 7.50; bushel boxes, choice, \$2.50@2.75. GRAPES Malagas, \$).00 for heavy weight, \$4.00 ONIONS-\$1.25@1.40 P brl; Spanish, \$1.00 POTATOES ... Per brl. \$1.2501.50 from car. 350 450 per bu. SWEET POTATOES -Jerseys, \$3.75.24.00 P bri;

Kentucky, \$1.75 @ 2.00 # brl. GROCERIES. CoffEs-Ordinary grades, 16@17 c; fair, 1719 @18c; good, 184@194c; prime, 204@ 214c; strictly prime to choice, 21 2022 c; fancy green and yellow, 22 2023 c; old government Java, 31 20 32 c; ordinary Java, 27 2028 c, imfta tion Java,

2542 261gr; rossted coffees, 224c. MOLASSES AND SYRUPS-New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@35c; choice, 40@50c. Srrups, 30 FLOUR SACKS-No. 1 drab, & brl. \$33 \$ 1,000; 19 brl, \$17; lighter weight, \$1 \$ 1,000 less. LEAD-7@8c for pressed bars.

DRIED BEST-11@13c. SPICES-Pepper, 184019c; allspice, 30012c; cloves, 24028c; cassia, 10012c; nutmegs, 70085c STARCH... Refined pearl, 3@34c P th; Eu reka, 5 @6c: Champion gloss lump, 3404; improved sorn,

RICE-Louisiana, 507c. SHOT-\$1.45@1.50 \$ bag for drop. Sugars.-Hards, 7'8 287sc; confectioners' A, 71919 75 c; off A. 74 @74 gc; white extra C, 74 @74c; fine yellows, 63 @74c; good yellows, 63 @67c; fair yellows, 64 @67c; fair yellows, 64 @67c; Salt—In car lots, 90c; small lots, \$1.00@1.05.

TWINE--Hemp, \$12@18c \$ B; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 18c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c. WOODENWARE--No. 1 tubs, \$7.75@8.00; No. 2 tubs, \$6.75@7.00; No. 3 tubs, \$5.75@6.00; 3-hoop pails, \$1.75@1.80; double washboards, \$2@2.75; common washboards, \$1.20@1.85; clothes-pins, 50@85c \$P box. WOODEN DISHES -- Per 100, 1 th, 20e; 2 ths, 250 3 ths, 30c; 5 ths, 40c. WEAPPING-PAPER-Crown straw, 18c P bundle; medium straw, 27c; double-crown straw, 36c; heavy-

weight straw, 13, 22c P B; crown rag, 20c P bundle; medium rag, 30c; double-crown rag, 40c; heavy-weight rag, 24, 23c P B; Manila, No. 1, 829c; No. 2, 51, 261, 2c; print paper, No. 1, 627c; book paper, No. 3, S. & C., 10211c; No. 2, S. & C., 829c; No. 1, S. & C., 74@8c. PRODUCE. BEANS-Choice hand-picked navy, ou: medium hand-picked, \$2.00 02.15.

BEESWAX--Dark, 18c; vellow, 20c. BUTTER-Creamery, 17@19c; choice, 21@23c; fancy creamery, 28@30c; country, 14@14c; com-EGGS-Shippers paying 17@18c; selling from FEATHERS. Prime geese 350 P 15; mixed duck,

GAME—Ducks, mallard, \$2.75 \$\psi\$ doz; prairie chickens, \$4.50\pi 5.00 \$\psi\$ doz; quails, \$1.25\pi 1.50 \$\psi\$ doz; squirrels, \$1.00\pi 1.25 \$\psi\$ doz; venison, 18c \$\psi\$ is; whole deer, 10c \$\psi\$ is; rabbits, \$1.

POULTBY—Hens, 6\pi 6\psi\$c; chickens, 6\pi 6\psi\$c; turkeys, 7@71ge; toms, 6c; roosters, 3c; geese, full-feathered. \$\psi\$ doz. \$4.80\alpha 5.40; plucked, \$3.50\alpha\$
4.20; ducks, old and young, 6c.

WOOL—Tub-washed and picked, 33\alpha 35c; un-washed, medium and common grades if in good order, 22c; unwashed fine, 17\alpha 28c; fleece washed, if light, well washed and in good order, 28\alpha 30c; burry and

unmerchantable, according to their value. OIL CARE. Oil Cake-\$23 P ton; oil meal, \$23. PROVISIONS.

JOBBING PRICES.—Smoked meats.—Sugar-cured hams, 10 to 12 fbs average, 12%c; 15 fbs average, 12½c; 15 fbs average, 12½c; 17½ fbs average, 12c; 20 fbs average, 11½c; 22 fbs average, 11c; English-cured breakfast bacon, light or medium, 12c; sugar-cured shoulders, 10 to 12 fbs average, 9%c; California hams, light or medium, 9%c; dried beef hams, light or medium, 9%c; dried beef hams, knuckle pieces, 10½c; dried beef hams, thin pieces, 8½c. Bacon—Clear sides, medium average, 9%c; clear backs, medium average, 9%c; clear backs, medium weight, 9%c. Dry salt and Pickled Meats—Clear sides (unsmoked), 9c; clear backs (unsmoked), 9½c; clear backs (unsmoked), JOBBING PRICES-Smoked meats--Sugar-cursd lbs. \$15.00; Bologna—Skin, large or small. 7 gc; cloth, large or smail. 7c. Lard—Pure winter leaf, kettle rendered, in tierces, 9 %c; in one-half brls, 10 sc; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 9 %c; in 20-lb cans in 80-lb cases, 10c. Refined Lard—In tierces, 9c; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 9 %c. Fresh Meats—Shoulders, 9c; cottage hams, 8 sc; pork backs, suitable for chops, fat on, 8c; do, fat off, 8 sc; ground sausage, in 20-th pails, Sc. ground sausage, in links, Sc. sausage meat, 7c; shoulder bones, Sc.

SEEDS. Clover—Red, choice, 60 th bu, \$4.50@4.75; English, choice, \$4.60@5.00; common, \$4.40@4.75; White, choice, \$6.75@7.50; Alsike, \$6.75@7.50; Alfalfa, choice, \$5.00@7.50. Timothy—Choice, 45 th bu, \$1.75@2.25. Blue grass—English. 10c print fancy, 14 th bu, \$0c@\$1.00. Orchard grass—Extra clean, 14 th bu, \$1.25@1.50. Red top

FRATERNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Raper Commandery, K. T., conferred the Red Cross legree on Thursday evening, the first work it has done

Rev. Willis D. Engle, past master of Mystic Tie Lodge, installed the new officers of Logan Lodge, F. and A. M., on Thursday evening, who are as follows: George T. Anderson, W. M.; Thomas J. Hudson, S. W.; Ralph E. Kennigton, J. W.; Hiram Seibert, treas-urer; John Sehley, secretary; Dr. C. N. Rooker, S. D.; R. McClintock, J. D.

Marion Lodge, F. and A. M., on Friday night elected and installed the following officers for the year: Roger Parry, W. M.; R. G. Wellman, S. W.; J. Ball, J. W.; Samuel Rodinburgen, treasurer; Hugh J. Drummond, secretary; T. G. Harrison, S. D.; Stephen Sharp, J. D.; A. Meurer and J. Firestine, atewards; J. M. Jameson, tyler.

Grand Master Isaac P. Leyden, publicly installed the officers of the New Albany blue lodges last week. The ceremonies were performed in the Masonic temple of that place, in the presence of many of the wives, daughters and friends of the members. During the evening Mr. Leyden was the recipient of a handsome past master's jewel from his Masonic

Saraiah Council, P. of J., A. A. S. R., elected officers on Thursday evening, with the following result: Charles E. Wright, sovereign master; Samuel B. Sweet, deputy master; Charles L. Hutchinson, senior warden; John L. McMaster, junior warden; Joseph Staub, treasurer; Joseph W. Smith, secretary; A. R. White, master of ceremonies; Charles F. Meyer, almoner; Chester Bradford, M. of E.

In Indiana Consistory, S. P. R. S., the new officers

sre: P. G. C. Hunt, commander in chief; Jacob W. Smith, first lieutenant-commander; W. J. McKee, second heutenant-commander; Thomas L. Sullivan, orator; Samuel A. Johnston, chancellor; Joseph W. Smith, secretary; Joseph Staub, treasurer; Roscoe O. Hawkins, architect; Frisby S. Newcomer, hospitaler; John T. Brush, master of ceremonies; William O. Patterson, standard-bearer; Charles L. Hutchinson, captain of the guard; William H. Schmidt, sentinel. The New Year's reception committee of the Scottish Rite bodies, to entertain visitors on Tuesday, consists of the following gentlemen: D. A. Richardson, A. R. Baker, Chester Bradford, Geo. F. Branham, Bruce Carr, Albert Daller, Albert Gall, C. E. Kregelo, J. R. Leonard, L. T. Michener, J. R. Nickum, W. O. Pat-terson, Wm. H. Schmidt, H. C. Smithers, J. S. Anderson, M. Steinhauer, D. E. Snyder, Indianapolis; Frank B. Hart, Lafayette; N. K. Elliott, Terre Haute; Harry C. Downing, Richmond; S. B. Sweet, Fort Wayne; W. C. Burk, Thorntown; H. F. Drover, Huntington; Theo. C. Laughlin, New Albany; U. Z. Wiley, Fowler; Lon M. Neely, Muncie; C. B. Cole, Seymour; W. F. Coats, Columbus; G. W. Markly, Crawfordsville; Chas. H. McCarer, Evansville; G. W. F. Kirk, Shelbyville; Reuben Peden, Knightstown; Thomas Klink, Winchester; John W. Lee, Greencastle; A. A. Fahnestock, LaPorte.

The Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine is a young but growing organization. The special object the members of the order have in view is the same that governs all secret societies, and its members devote considerable time to their own social pleasures on special occasions. There are at present in the United States seventy temples, with a membership of about 15,000. There are two temples in Canada, one in Toronto and one in Hamilton, with a combined membership of about 200. The Imperial Council of the shrine donated \$6,000 to the yellowfever fund, which is more than any other single seeret organization did in the country. Charity gov-erns all their actions. Murat Temple, of this city, has now a membership of 238, scattered all over the has now a membership of 238, scattered all over the State. At its annual meeting, on Friday evening, the efficers elected and appointed were: John T. Brush, potentate; Byron K. Elliott, high priest; Chester Bradford, chief rabban; Chalmers Brown, assistant rabban; Wm. H. Smith, oriental guide; Charles F. Mayer, treasurer; Joseph W. Smith, recorder; Willis Vajen, first ceremonial master; A. R. White, second teremonial master; Frank T. Holliday, marshal; P. G. C. Hunt, first alchemist; J. W. Staub, second alchemist; Samuel Johnston, captain of the guard; John Landers, outer guard; H. H. McGaffey, director. Landers, outer guard; H. H. McGaffey, director.

Odd-Fellows.

Canton Indianapolis will meet in regular cantonment, to-morrow night, and muster several candi-

Olive Branch Lorige, No. 10, D. of R., buried Mrs. Monticue, a member of that lodge, who has been sick to: some years past, on Thursday afternoon. The election of officers in Center Lodge, on Tuesday night, resulted in the selection of A. E. Merideth, N. G.; O. J. Kidd, V. G.; J. M. Wilson, R. S.; Geo. P. Anderson, P. S.; R. E. Kennington, treasurer. The officers elected by Germania Lodge, on Thursday night, are: Henry Winter, N. G.; John Emharar, V. G.; Geo. Reyer, secretary: H. Thoms, treasurer; F. Thoms, F. Dietz, J. Schweikle, trustees, and John

Steinmetz, representative to Grand Lodge. Oliver Branch Lodge, D. of R., elected the following officers at the last meeting: Mrs. Lizzie Roberts, N. G.; Mrs. Emma McElwee, V. G.; Mrs. T. J. Nieman, R. Sec.; Mrs. Martha E. Woods, P. Sec.; Mrs. Sarah Gardner, Treas. These officers will be installed Jan. 13.

Philexonian Lodge initiated one candidate and elected two on Wednesday night. The following of ficers were elected. J. W. Jones, N. G.; Geo. Ter-hune, V. G.; O. S. Miller, R. S.; Jos. S. Watson, F. S: Jos. Staub, Treas.; Geo. Pence, Ben Franklin, J. Pike, trustees; C. W. Allen, representative to Grand

The general relief committee held its last meeting for the year on Thursday night. The report for nine months shows that thirty-two sick members have been under its care; 334 weeks' benefits have been paid, requiring an outlay of \$1,467.80; 668 visits have been made by the members of the committee; nineteen of the sick recovered, five died and eight still remain in the care of the committee. The sick came from the States of Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California and Nebraska. Canton Indianapolis, No. 2, Patriarchs Militant, will

give a series of entertainments during the winter to raise funds to assist the members in purchasing uniforms. The first of these will be at the Grand Operahouse, Jan. 7, 8 and 9, when the play of "Faust" will be presented, the canton having an interest in the tickets they may sell during the three evenings. The energy being put forth by the members of the canton to firmly establish themselves permanently should receive the encouragement of the members of the order in this city, and doubtless will.

Knights of Pythias. Ed Mahon, M. of F. of Crescens Lodge, New Castle, was in the city on Wednesday.

The new division, U. R., recently organized in In-dianapolis Lodge, No. 56, has selected a very appro-priate name—"Indiana." John Lowe, P. C. of No. 7, now located in Louisville, Ky., spent the week with his family and friends in the city, and will return to the Falls City to-day. No. 56 elected George B. Terhune, P. C.; J. G. Lowes, C. C.; W. H. Fisher, V. C.; W. F. Sidow, P.: H. Beville, M. of E.; W. B. McMurray, M. of F.

Indianapolis Division, No. 2, and other members of the city lodges will go to Greencastle, on Monday, and participate in the conferring of the ranks on forty more applicants for membership to Eagle Lodge, No.

The Uniform Rank is now stronger than the regular U. S. army, having a membership of 25,000 or more-thirteen brigades, thirteen additional regimental organizations, six hundred and twenty-five

Star Lodge, No. 7. has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: W. H. Robinson, P. C.; H. G. Caldwell, C. C.; J. L. Hamer, V. C.; C. H. Russe, P.; Joe Kingan, M. of F.; Joe E. Ludlum, M. of F.; F. A. Blanchard, K. of R. and S.; O. A. Soper,

No. 25 elected Herman Sweizer, P. C.; S. M. Armatrong, C. C.; T. W. Demmerly, V. C.; Charles Terry, P.; R. H. Lancaster, M. at A.: H. S. Maudlin, M. of T.; E. E. Schrorer, M. of E.; W.W. Davy, K. of R. and Robert Brown, trustee; H. M. Schrorer and W. H.

Captain Lake, of Noblesville; Captain Shiff, Herald Eleuderson, Guide Darnall, and Chaplain Allen, of Lebanon; Captain Ward, Captain Many, Captain Heiskell, Lieutenant Bodene and He. ald Porter, Col. Richardson and General Ross. held a meeting at the castle hall, on Wednesday, in the interest of the First Regiment U. R. The Pnird Regiment, U. R., met at Richmond on Thurs day last to take final action regarding the State encamin tent at Warsaw hext August. General Ross and other members of his staff were present. Al divisions represented were favorable to the time and place. The Fourth Regiment, which met at Seymour on the 17th, was also favorable to the arrangement. The First Regiment met at Grand Lodge office on Wednesday last and concluded to make arrangements to attend. The Second Regiment will meet at Goshen on Jan. 4, and there seems to be no doubt as to their

taking favorab 'e action. Chosen Friends. The members a f Venus Council are requested to present at the mea ting next Tuesday evening. The annual meeting of the Sick Benefit League was held last Wednesday evening; the following officers were elacted: President, Ella Aldrich; vice-president,

Jan. 8, and there seems to be no doubt as to their

E. M. James; secretary, Berry Self; treasurer, E. Pray. Managing committee, J. N. Beers, A. Cochran, Geo. Kimnuck and the four officers. Crescent Council, No. 8, elected the following officers last Friday evening: Councilor, Mrs. Cogswell; vice-councilor, Mrs. L. 1'. Shafer; secretary, Geo. E. Tiffany; treasurer. E. M. James; prelate, John Ford; warden, Mrs. Travis; mar shal, H. R. Cogswell; guard, C. A. Tilghman; sentry, John W. Beers. A public contraction of contractions of the contraction of the contrac installation of officers will be held on next Friday evening at the hall, at Vermont and Mississippi streets. Crescent, No. 8, we'll hold a special meeting the 18th; initiate candidates on Thursday evening,

Eureka Council, No. 25, has changed the time and place of meeting. Hereafter meetings will be held on Wednesday evening, at 3619 W. st Washington street, Griffith Block. At the last m eeting three petitions were received. On next Wedness lay evening they expect several initiations. The folia wing are the officers for the ensuing term: P. C., Thoa. D. Amns; C. V., M. Broffet; V. C., Mary A. Cruden, secretary, J. S. Roberts; treasurer, Chas. J. Gary; P., Verdilla Richert; M., J. E. Swigert; W., Nottie Schuder; G., Martin Treon; S., Amanda Snyder, 'Frustees, T. D. Amos, G. F. Imtz and J. O. Swigert.

Travelers' Protective Asses intion. Post C, of Richmond, was organized, last week, with twenty-four charter members. V. F. Winchester, of Post B, of this city, went over to help organize them.

Kentucky has the honor of being the banner di-vision of the T. P. A., from a social and financial stand-point, while Indiana has the best ov anized di-vision, and was the first State to pay the extra as-The annual convention of the C. T. A. wil, be held

at Indianapolis, Jan. 5. At the close of the conven-tion, Mr. M. J. Pickering, national president of the T. P. A., will make a short address, and an effort will be made to establish posts in Evansville, Terre H surte and Lafsyette. National Secretary Silverstone will be

present to receive applications. There are two posts already organized in the State, Post A, of Fort Wayne, with 103 mombers, and Post B, of Indianapolis, with 113 members. Whichever of the above-named cities has the largest number of members on that date will be entitled to organize as Post B, the

next in numbers, Post E, etc. Fahnley & McCrea, Charles Mayer & Co., Kipp Bros., A. Kiefer & Co., A. B. Gates & Co., J. C. Perry & Co., E. C. Atkins & Co., Bradley, Horton & Co. and the Bowen- Merrill Company have paid the annual dues, and taken out certificates of membership for all of their traveling men in Post B, of the T. P. A.

There are at present three organizations of the fra-ternity in this State, viz.: The Commercial Travelers' Association of Indiana, the Travelers' Protective Association of the United States and the United Commercial Travelers. All of these are in thorough harmony with each other, and not antagonistic. Each has its mission to perform without conflicting with the other. The C. T. A. provides a system of life insurance. It also promotes social intercourse. The T. P. A. has a different work to perform—that of securing lower rates on railroads, increased allowance of extra baggage, better hotel accommodations, employment for its members, promotion of all that interests the commercial traveler, through the press, and a cheap system of accident insurance. It has its committees organized to prosecute the above line of work in twenty-nine different States. By its system of posts it seeks to bring about a closer fraternity between the traveling men. The U. C. T. has a still different mission to perform; that of a secret society, with the care of its members and their widows and orphans a sacred charge.

Knights and Ladies of Honor. Several of Washington Lodge members attended the meeting of Indiana Lodge last week.

Compton Lodge, No. 1137, received two petitions for membership on last Wednesday evening. Past Protector A. J. Gillett, of Compton Lodge, spent a portion of the past week in Louisville, Ky. Compton Lodge will have degree work on next Wednesday evening, and desire a full meeting. Visit-ors will be welcomed.

Indiana Lodge, No. 1343, elected the following per-Indiana Lodge, No. 1343, elected the following persons to office at their last meeting: Past protector, S. F. Irish; protector, Frank Huey; vice-protector, Etta Canon; recording secretary, Ed Hutchins; financial secretary, Geo. Rosebrock; treasurer, Wm. F. Mankedick; chaplain, S. E. Canan; guide. D. Y. Miller; guard, S. E. McMillin; sentinel, Geo. Spaulding; trustees, S. Moon, J. Greenwood and J. A. McMillin. The above named officers-elect will be installed on next Thursday

Compton Lodge, No. 1137, K. and L. of H., elected the following named persons to office on last Wednesday evening: Past protector, Liszie Sherwood; protector, T. L. Cheek; vice-protector, Geo. B. Wren; chaplain, Annie Wren; guide, Mary E. Johnson; financial secretary, E. E. Marone; treasurer, S. L. Driesbaugh; sentinel, Isaac Eldridge; trustees, W. J. Curson, J. C. Johnson and I. Eldridge. All the above officers-elect will be duly installed on next Wednesday evening by Supreme Secretary U. W. Harvey.

Secret League.

Merchants, No. 14, will have an election of officers on Tuesday evening, to which all members are invited. Anchor, No. 16, meets on every Wednesday evening. They will have an election of officers next meet-

Indianapolis, No. 1, still leads. They had several applications at their last meeting. This lodge gives its regular social next Thursday evening, to which friends are welcome. The following officers were elected to serve for six months: Cardinal, Dr. S. M. White; vice-cardinal. O. N. Hutchinson; petitioner, Mrs. Celia E. Vincent; recorder, Mrs. Hazel K. Mil-ler; collector, Frank Beadle; treasurer, William H. Payne; marshal, Miss Mollie Knotts; guard. Charles Friedgen; watchman, L. D. Sullivan; musician, Miss Alma White; medical examiners, Drs. S. M. White and N. D. Woodard; trustees. W. H. Vincent, P. W. Bartholomew and John J. Miller; representative to Supreme Lodge; L. D. Sullivan; alternative, Frank

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A newly fallen meteoric stone weighing 140 pounds has been found at Ellsworth, Wis. A block of fir wood was recently reseived at Portland, Ore., that was cut from a tree which was 156 feet high to the first limb.

It has been found in Norway that banks of snow will stop cannon balls, which penetrate only a little way when the snow is properly prepared.

A spring of natural cologne has broken forth in the southern part of Algiers. The liquid has not been analyzed, but its odor is very similar to that of patchouli. The "Queen"s Pipe" is the name given to a

furnace in which all the contraband tobacco con-

fiscated in England is burned. Some \$20,000 worth of tobacco has thus been "smoked" this At Lockhaven, Pa., the other day, a hawk swooped down upon a cat and carried it aloft. The feline soon caught its captor by the throat and strangled it. The cat was killed by the sub-

The yearly income of the great Kimberly diamond mines in South Africa is \$20,000,000, and beside this it is estimated that fully \$10,000,000 worth of diamonds are stolen every year by the natives who work in the mines.

A cement very much used in China and Japan is made from rice. It is only necessary to mix rice flour intimately with water and gently simmer the mixture over a clear fire, when it readily forms a delicate and durable cement.

A botanical exploring party from Germany, recently, discovered, on one of the Philippine islands, a number of plants whose flowers were almost a yard in diameter, the petals, five in number, being oval and of a creamy-white shade. Near the soda springs in Ashland, Oregon, there is a spring which emits a gas so possonous as to kill whatever may breathe it, and it is said that there is almost constantly a ring of birds, snakes, lizards and small deer lying dead about

The old saying, "Cold enough to stop a clock." has been actually exemplified in Maine this winter. The recent storm of suow and sleet froze the hands of the town clocks in Bangor solidly down on their faces, and they didn't go any

There is a dog employed in the postal service in the office at Allentown, Pa. The mail bags are laid on the pavement, and the dog sits on them till the proper person takes them away. No one else dares to touch the bags while in the dog's custody. Frank Melville, of Clay county, Virginia, fol-

lowed a fox into a hole and found himself in a cave almost filled with foxes. He had only a club with him and they made it lively for him. but he succeeded in killing ten of the animals and drove the others off. A man at Malton, Nev., tipped a couple of barrels of whisky into a natural spring which

flowed on his premises and invited all the ranchmen for miles around to come and see it. The next day he sold the spring for \$10,000 in gold dust and fled the country. A farmer in Fulton county, Georgia, according to the Atlanta Journal, has had several pairs of socks and a pair of gloves made from the bair

of his head, which is more like the wool of a sheep than anything else. It is soft and long, and curls but little, and is of a brown color. Some time ago, Mattie Tennell, a young woman of Santa Barbara, Cal., had some lemon juice accidentally spilled over her hair on one side of the head. Since then the hair on that side has become perfectly white, and the ends

John Simmons, of (alveston, found a good sized pearl in a dish of raw oysters a few days since. He placed the pearl in a collar box in his bed-room. Two days later he found the pearl a soft grayish mass with a red center. If a finger is placed on the pearl it becomes hard and the red spot disappears.

of the hair curl, as though treated with a curl-

William Perkins, of Owensborough, Ky., is blind and ingenious. The result of his affliction and his genius is a writing machine for the blind, which the boy has just perfected. It is said that a San Francisco firm has paid him \$5,000 for the right to manufacture and sell the machine in the United States.

Western sportsmen complain that wild duck

are becoming very scarce, and attribute their scarcity to the use of duck-eggs in making a new glue that is manufactured in Canada. Their eggs having become valuable, the Canadian hunters despoil their nests, and thus materially reduce the supply of young ducks. Mount Pelado, in the Mexican State of Tobasco, has become an active volcano, emitting crimson-dyed water, which has colored Grijalra

river for many miles. People living in the

neighborhood of the mountain are in a state of

panic, and predict that the mountain will cover the entire district with lava. Tobasco is on the Gulf of Mexico. Colorado bids fair to rival Pennsylvania as an oil State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, about twenty wells have been bored, and the yield is a thousand barrels a day. The oil is green, excellent in quality, and, what is better, has an agreeable smell. There are no gushing wells as yet, but the average flow sur-

At a recent meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, Ernest E. Thompson, of Canada, said that some birds, especially sparrows, have ventriloquial powers. Birds, when surprised in the act of singing, will be silent for a moment, and then give forth a faint song that seems to come from a distance, though the singer be not further than ten feet away. Thrushes and robins, the lecturer said, also have this power.

passes what other States have afforded.

An idol only twelve and one-fourth inches in height, called the "Hindoo Lingham God," was recently sold in England for \$12,250. It is described as consisting of a chrysoberyl cat's-eye fixed in a topaz, and mounted in a pyramidal base studded with diamonds and precious stones. This curious relie was preserved for more than a thousand years in an ancient temple at Delhi. The base is of solid gold, and around it are set phire, chrysobery! cat's-eye coral, pearl, byacin-thine garnet, yellow sapphire and emerald.

GREAT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Some Facts Regarding the Baptist's

College.

The Church That Has the Largest Following in the United States-Their Colleges

and Other Institutions.

The reader will get some ides of the relation the Baptist Church bears to the cause of education when we inform them that in the United States alone the Baptist Church has thirty-one colleges and universities and nine theological seminaries, with 5,200 students and \$10,000,000 worth of property.

A student at the Franklin College, one of the Baptist Colleges, Mr. W. D. Walsh, in a recent interview with the writer said: "I had been troubled for two years with that enemy of indoor workers, catarrb. It was a year ago that I experienced the most inconvenience from my trouble. At first it came on in the usual way. A slight cold, followed by another which soon grew worse and stopped up my nose on both sides, making it difficult for me to breathe. There would be an accumulation of phlegm or mucus in my throat which I would hawk and spit up almost all the time. This mucus had A YELLOW COLOR

and a bad smell. My rest was bad at night. My sleep was disturbed by horrible dreams and I would awake in the morning tired and unrefreshed by my night's rest. Every morning I would have a bad taste in my mouth. My tongue would be coated and a sticky substance would collect about my teeth.

"My appetite was poor. I could est scarcely anything at all. I was much troubled with indigestions. My heart beat first fast and ther slow. Sometimes I thought it would stop al together. I had pains across my chest,



[From a photo by Marceau & Power.] sharp lancinating pains extending to the left shoulder blade. I had a cough, a troublesome backing cough which gave me much uneasiness. I lost in flesh and strength. I grew weak and was oppressed by gloomy thoughts. My head ached nearly all the time. It was a peculiar dull, heavy feeling just over my eyes and a feeling of fullness across the bridge of my nose. There was a ringing, buzzing noise in my ears like the buzzing of flies or bees. If I would stoop over and arise suddenly black spots came before my eyes and for an instant

I COULD NOT SEE. "My head seemed to go round in a ring very fast, my throat was affected as well as my head. Indeed it seemed to me every part of my body was out of order. I had no ambition to do anything. I was gloomy and despondent. Indeed, I scarcely cared whether I should continue to live on in such a wretched state or die. "I tried different remedies and physicians, but could get no relief from my trouble. Not

THE DAILY PAPERS and determined to try it. I called at the doctor's office 203 North Illinois street, and the doctor in charge informed me that my trouble was Catarrhal Gastetus and that I also had some bronchial trouble. I commenced the treatment three months ago, and since I have gained in flesh and strength. My appetite was never better than now. I sleep well at night and feel like a new man.

long ago I read of the Blair treatment in

Mr. W. D. Walsh lives near Franklin Ind., where he is attending college. Any person desiring a proof of the truthfulness of this statement will find the gentleman there.

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captured his Queen secreted this gem, and was

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finally obliged to sell it. The following story illustrates how much mice love their tails: In Norwich, Conn., the other night a young lady set a mouse trap in her parlor-a trap that was like a diminutive railroad round-house, with arched doorways, and with a delicate little loop of steel under each doorsill to fly up and catch a mouse by the muzzle. The steel pooses snapped busily all night, and next morning the lady found five mice clinging in five of the inhospitable doorways, and, what was very mysterious to her, three long mouse tails hanging from the three other entrances. She puzzled her head long over the inscrutable problem. Why did three mice visit her trap over night and deliberately leave their tails behind them? But there was no answer to it. A very bright idea, however, flashed into her mind, and she set her trap again. Verily, the three tailless mice came back to recover their tails, and in the gray dawn of the following day the young lady found three

tailless mice dangling from the trap.

A horse in a small town near Norwich, Conn., which is disposed to swallow anything that comes within its reach, recently bolted a large ball of wrapping twine. The bail rolled in easily, but a knob at the end of the cord anchored it self windward between the animal's front teetb, and the knob and the visible piece of twine served as a key to the situation when the young groomswoman visited the stable and inspected her steed. There was a somewhat troubled look on the horses face as he stood with feet braced, ears lopped, mouth open and in his eves was a mute appeal that betokened a growing suspicion that probably the case was hopeless. The young lady unloosed the knot, wound six inches of the cord around her hand and began to unravel the mystery. The horse kept his mouth open, looked wise, and seemed perfectly to understand what was going on; and out, yard after yard, fathom by fathom, the animal compliantly yielded up his peculiar dinner, and on neither side of the manger was a comment uttered, except that now and then the grateful beast emitted a sigh, as he observed the external ball swelling in magnitude and felt the internal one steadily diminishing. Finally the last yard of cord was reeled out of the horse, would up, and the ball taken into the house, where the animal couldn't get at it again.

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